

AGAINST COCKRAN.

Chas. Anderson Republican Candidate for Congress?

Mr. Chas. Anderson, colored Republican, State collector of racing taxes and State Committeeman-at-Large, was mentioned to-day as a possible Republican nominee against Bourke Cockran in the Twelfth Congressional district. The special election to determine the successor to Mayor McClellan has been set by Governor Odell for February 23. To-night in the club-houses of the

publican County headquarters and the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day in connection with the nomination. A prominent Republican, speaking of Anderson, said:

"He is the best possible man that could be nominated to go on the stump against Cockran. The district has a gashouse and ferry house constituency as well as a large colored vote, and I believe Anderson could go before the people and give Cockran the battle of his life.

"Anderson is an educated man, a man of brains, a public speaker with



HON. CHARLES W. ANDERSON.

State Supervisor of Racing, New York City, N. Y.

Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth Assembly districts, sections of which compose the Twelfth Congressional district, the unofficial primaries will be held, and delegates will be elected to the Republican Congressional convention, which will be held on Thursday night in the rooms of the Republican Club of the Twentieth Assembly district.

Former Alderman Whittaker and Charles K. Lexow, a brother of Clarence Lexow, of Lexow investigation fame, were also mentioned about Re-

publican County headquarters and the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day in connection with the nomination. A prominent Republican, speaking of Anderson, said:

"For downright stumping ability he could out-Cockran Cockran. In the election in 1892, McClellan had 21,275 votes, against Charles Schongood's 7,039. This gives a Democratic majority of 14,236 to overcome, but such a thing is not without precedent.

"I do not agree with any proposition to let the election go by default. Put Anderson in the field and you will have the most interesting campaign New York has seen for many a day." *Mail and Express.*

NEGRO AGAINST COCKRAN.

C. W. Anderson May Run in Twelfth Congress District.

The Republicans of the Twelfth Congress convention, which will be held on Thursday night to choose a candidate for the House of Representatives, against Bourke Cockran, who was nominated by the Tammany convention last night. The interest in the Republican nomination is not even languid. The district gave McClellan 14,000 majority in 1902, and Cockran is likely to have a larger majority. The talk about Republican candidates for the

nomination is, therefore largely of a jesting kind.

Capt. F. Norton Goddard, who controls the Republican organization of the Twenty-second District, one of the Assembly districts in the Twelfth Congress District, is in favor of letting the election go to Cockran by default in order to avoid the expense of a canvass. Other district leaders want a little fun, however, so a candidate will be put in the field on Thursday night. Three men have been mentioned for the nomination—Ex-Alderman Whittaker, Charles K. Lexow and Charles Schongood—but a new candidate was suggested at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day, Charles W.

Anderson, the "Colored Demosthenes," who now holds the place of commissioner for the collection of the State racing tax. Anderson is the idol of the colored population of the district, and he is, besides a polished orator, and a man of marked ability. Those who suggested his name said that, with Cockran in the field, the campaign would be along Demosthenic lines, and that Anderson could do the "Demosthenes act" better than any other man, white or colored, in the district.

Some of the State headquarters politicians said that if Anderson accepts the nomination they will try to arrange a joint debate between him and Cockran. Such a debate would be of peculiar interest. The styles of oratory of the two men differ. Cockran is a satirist, Anderson is a humorist. Cockran seldom indulges in stories to illustrate a point. His colored rival in elquence is one of the best story tellers in politics. Cockran is rather clumsy in figure and awkward in gesture. Anderson is a type of elegance in person and a model of grace. There is no doubt that if a joint debate were arranged between them, the contest would attract great crowds that it would be necessary to hire Madison Square Garden.—*New York Evening Post.*

TO OPPOSE COCKRAN.

Republican Movement to Name Charles Anderson, Colored Leader, for Congress.

The Republicans have not selected any one as yet to run for Congress against Bourke Cockran in the Twelfth District. They will hold their convention Thursday evening, and the primaries to elect delegates this evening. The Twelfth Congress District, which includes the gas house and slaughter house districts, is a Democratic stronghold—McClellan's majority there a year ago was more than 14,000—and consequently no Republicans are seeking the nomination. Among those who may be asked to take the nomination are ex-Alderman Whittaker, Charles K. Lexow, and Charles Schongood, who ran against McClellan in 1902.

Some of the politicians at the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day suggested that Charles Anderson, the leader of the colored Republicans, should be nominated against Cockran. Anderson is a member of the Republican State Committee, and is State Commissioner for the collection of the racing tax. One of these politicians said:

"If Charlie Anderson should be nominated and put on the trail of Cockran we should have one of the liveliest campaigns this city has ever seen. Anderson is one of the cleverest and most eloquent public speakers in the Republican organization of this city, and he could be relied on to fire some red hot shot at Cockran in most effective style." *Commercial Advertiser.*

A PIONEER JOURNALIST.

The Colored American, Washington, D. C., of which Mr. E. E. Cooper is editor, is always brimful of news with pointed and strong editorials on the live issues of the day. Mr. Cooper is one of the pioneer journalists of the race, and is well versed in the newspaper business all along the line. We congratulate him in the marked success, to which he has brought The Colored American.—*Nashville Clarion.*

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